

TOPIC Military Information from Prenzlau

EVALUATION
DATE OF CONTENT
DATE OBTAINED
REFERENCES
PAGES
REMARKS

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PLACE OBTAINED

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12 to 26 August 1952

DATE PREPARED 26 September 1952

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. [redacted] on 25 August 1952, [redacted] tanks and tank trucks [redacted] continued to arrive at the railroad station from the barracks installation on the southeast side of Berlinerstrasse, Prenzlau (N 54/2 14), to be loaded there. On 26 August, the barracks installation was vacant. All quarters were dark in the evening. [redacted] during the night of 25 August, tanks and guns were loaded at the railroad station and dispatched toward Pasewalk (N 54/2 61). 25X1

2. On 25 and 26 August, the barracks installation on the northwest side of Berliner Strasse was occupied by troops.

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3. On 23 August, a train with 120 [redacted] trucks was at the Prenzlau railroad station. [redacted] Mustermark (N 53/2 55) was the dispatching station and Schwerin (N 54/T 16) the receiving station.

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4. The JS-2 tanks which arrived at the Prenzlau railroad station on 12 and 14 August and subsequently moved to the barracks installation on the northwest side of Berlinerstrasse were received by Lieutenant Colonel Kusmin (fnu) [redacted] and another officer. [redacted] 25X1

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[redacted] the guard unit of about 400 men hitherto stationed there moved to the barracks installation on the southeast side of Berlinerstrasse and [redacted] the northwestern installation now quartered only officers during the day including a general who was billeted on Thornerstrasse.

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5. In the barracks installation on the southeast side of Berlinerstrasse on 18 August, [redacted] two buildings quartered soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and two other buildings quartered Volkspolizei. The other buildings which included quarters of Units Lieutenant Colonel Shurablov (fnu), Vosenko (fnu), Kusmin (fnu) and Major Chernin (fnu) were completely reconditioned.

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CLASSIFICATION SECRET

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SECRET [REDACTED]

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25X1 * [REDACTED] Comment. The occupation of the two barracks installations on either side of Berlinerstrasse, Prenzlau, which has quartered units of the 25th Tank Div, had not been clarified [REDACTED]

The installations have continuously been reported to have quartered rear units of the division which moved to the Terplin troop training grounds in April. In mid-August, tanks [REDACTED]

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25X1 [REDACTED] were consigned to Prenzlau for Unit [REDACTED] from the U.S.S.R. via Frankfurt/Oder.

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[REDACTED] it is believed that an agency distributing tanks to Volkspolizei units under the supervision of the office of the Commander of Armored and Mechanized Troops of the GDR is located in Prenzlau. This office is possibly housed in the barracks installation on the northwest side of Berlinerstrasse. The personnel and motor vehicles needed presumably have been detached from the 25th Tank Div.

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[REDACTED] the buildings of the barracks installation on the southeast side of Berlinerstrasse were already occupied by Volkspolizei, it can be assumed that the entire installation will be occupied by WP units. Further information is required to determine whether the barracks installation on the northwest side of Berlinerstrasse will also be vacated by the Russians in the fall of 1952. The officers mentioned [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] are known as unit commanders of the 25th Tank Div. However, Lieutenant Colonel Vosenko (fnu) was allegedly transferred to the U.S.S.R. in February 1952.

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